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SUBJECT: CIEC MINISTERIAL: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH
BOUTEFLIKA

REF: ALGIERS 1350

1. YOU MAY INFORM GOA THAT IN ADDITION TO CIEC MATTERS,
SECRETARY VANCE WISHES TO ENGAGE IN A GENERAL DISCUSSION
OF ALL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO ALGERIA AND THE U.S.,
INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST AND BILATERAL QUESTIONS.
UNFORTUNATELY BECAUSE OF THE SECRETARY'S TIGHT SCHEDULE
IN PARIS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE TIME OF MEETING BUT
SECRETARY VANCE DEFINITELY ENVISAGES THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY
TO ESTABLISH AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH BOUTEFLIKA.

2. FYI. THE SECRETARY'S BRIEFING MEMORANDUM INCLUDES A
SUGGESTION THAT HE BRIEF BOUTEFLIKA ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOP-
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MENTS. IT ALSO CONTAINS BACKGROUND AND TALKING POINTS ON
LNG IMPORTS, EXPORT IMPORT BANK POLICY AND THE WESTERN
SAHARA TO BE USED ON AN IF RAISED BASIS. ALTHOUGH AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOT COVERED SPECIFICALLY IN BRIEFING
PAPER SECRETARY WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THESE IF
BOUTEFLIKA DESIRES.

3. FOR OECD PARIS: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPH
1 TO AIT CHALLAL, ALGERIAN COORDINATOR FOR BOUTEFLIKA'S
CIEC ACTIVITIES. VANCE

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